PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Elke KRAFT, et al.

Appln. No.:

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For: WOODEN FLOOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Box PCT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 2327

Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN VERSION):

Please delete original Claims 1-13; please cancel Substitute Claims 1-13 and add the following new Claims 14-33:

14. A floor, comprised of

a sub-floor (10) continuously covered with a layer (12) of hardened adhesive, and

covering elements (16) of wood or wood materials having a surface adhered to the layer of hardened adhesive, wherein said covering elements are completely covered on their adhered surface with the adhesive,

wherein the adhesive layer (12) has a layer thickness of 0.5 to 5 mm, and wherein the adhesive has a shear

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